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**PATENT APPLICATION**

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR §1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE  
TECHNOLOGY CENTER ART UNIT 1742**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re the Application of

Yasutaka SUGAWARA et al.

Group Art Unit: 1742

Application No.: 10/722,427

Examiner: S. IP

Filed: November 28, 2003

Docket No.: 117900

For: COPPER ALLOY AND PRODUCING METHOD THEREFOR

**REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION AFTER FINAL REJECTION**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In reply to the August 24, 2005 Office Action, reconsideration of the rejections is respectfully requested in light of the following remarks.

Claims 1-7 are pending in this application. Claim 7 has been withdrawn from consideration.

**I. Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. §103(a)**

Claims 1-6 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 4,559,119 ("Ikushima"). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

The Patent Office alleges that Ikushima teaches a copper titanium alloy composition with second-phase elements, second-phase size and distribution, and processing steps such as solution heat treatment, working and aging. The Patent Office admits that Ikushima does not teach or suggest the percent of conversion to second-phase particles, area percentage, and

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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